on the assessable property of said counties, by an act passed CHAP. 274, at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, chapter one hundred and fifty-one, for the purpose of repairing the bridge herein before mentioned, shall be collected and paid over by the commissioners of Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties respectively, to the commissioners herein named, to be applied by them to the repair of the said bridge, according to the true intent and meaning of this act.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That all such parts of the act, Repeat passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty two, chapter one hundred and fifty one, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby

repealed.

CHAPTER 274.

An act, entitled, an act, making it penal to sell a certain de-Passed Mar. 15,1834 scription of property, under certain circumstances.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whenever an action of replevin, shall be brought in this state, and the property in dispute shall be any mulatto, negro or negro slave, it shall not be lawful for either plaintiff or defendant, or any other person in whose possession such mulatto, negro or negro slave shall be, to sell such mulatto, negro or negro slaves, until such action of replevin shall first have been determined, and any sale thus made shall be void, unless an order of the court authorising such sale, be first had and obtained.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That every person, his or her Decemeditationy counsellors, aiders or abettors, who shall be duly convicted of selling or transporting such mulatto, negro or negro slave, beyond the limits of this state, before the final decision of said action of replevin, or without an order of the court as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary, for a period of time, not less than two nor more than ten years, to be treated as the law directs; Provided Proviso nevertheless, this second section shall not extend to any person or persons, who by the finding of the jury in such action of replevin, shall be determined to be the rightful owner or owners of such mulatto, negro or negro sleve.